

❖ A MESSAGE FROM EPA ADMINISTRATOR MICHAEL LEAVITT ❖



Congratulations to the 2003 National Award for Smart Growth Achievement Winners.

The winners illustrate the strength and breadth of smart growth activities taking place throughout the United States. These communities recognize that how we grow today will influence not only how we live, but how future generations live.

Smart growth encourages development in a way that protects our streams and rivers, keeps our air clean, and preserves areas of natural beauty and ecological importance. These quality growth strategies also seek to create economic prosperity for everyone—in urban, suburban, and rural areas. A strong economy and clean environment are both essential for a high quality of life.

At its core, smart growth is about being good stewards of our communities and of our rural lands, parks, and forests. It is about ensuring that the best of the past is preserved, while creating new communities that are attractive, vital, and enduring.

I want to congratulate our award winners for being such outstanding models of smart growth achievement.



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